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AMCONSUL HONG KONG

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAGR, BEXP, OTRA, CH, US

SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO PRC BY HONG KONG AG OFFICER

REFS: (A) PEKING 1488; (B) STATE 219958

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH USLO (REF A) THAT CHAMPEAU VISIT MUST BE HANDLED CAREFULLY IN VIEW OF PRC SENSITIVITIES TO VISITS BY HONG KONG CONGEN OFFICERS. LOW-KEY HANDLING OF CHAMPEAU TRIP IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN ORDER AVOID CLASHING WITH WELL-DEMONSTRATED PRC PENCHANT FOR "STEP-BY-STEP" APPROACH AND TO MAXIMIZE CHANCES FOR LATER TRIPS BY HONG KONG AG OFFICER.

2. RE PARA 4, REF A, USDA RECOGNIZES THAT THIS MAY NOT BE BEST SEASON FOR OBSERVING AGRICULTURAL CONDITIONS, BUT NEVERTHELESS PREFERS THAT CHAMPEAU MAKE VISIT ASAP. YOU  
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SHOULD THEREFORE NOTIFY MFA AND COORDINATE TIMING WITH

CONGEN. WHILE WE LEAVE TO YOUR DISCRETION THE TACTICS FOR OBTAINING APPOINTMENTS, WE BELIEVE YOU SHOULD MENTION CHAMPEAU'S GENERAL AGRICULTURE RESPONSIBILITIES AND HIS CONNECTION WITH USDA WITHOUT EMPHASIZING HIS FUNCTIONS IN REPORTING ON PRC AGRICULTURE.

3. GUIDELINES OF REF B STILL STAND, AND CHAMPEAU WILL FOLLOW USLO GUIDANCE ON HOW FAR TO GO IN ANY SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. WITHIN

THOSE LIMITS, USDA'S MAIN INTERESTS ARE IN THE BROAD CLOSELY RELATED FIELDS OF TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND AGRICULTURAL INTELLIGENCE. COTTON, WHEAT, CORN AND SOYBEANS ARE TO BE GIVEN HIGHEST PRIORITY BUT CONCERN WITH OTHER BASIC COMMODITIES ALSO URGENT. BACKGROUND INFO FROM USDA POUCHED TO CHAMPEAU ON NOV 14. REPORTING GOAL SHOULD BE DEVELOPMENT TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE OF PRC DATA AND DATA RESOURCES CONSISTENT WITH LOW-KEY APPROACH. USDA HAS PROVIDED PRCLC IN WASHINGTON WITH BROAD RANGE OF INFORMATION AND STATISTICS ON US AGRICULTURE. CHARACTERISTIC PRC DOUBLE STANDARD ON EXCHANGE OF STATISTICAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PRECLUDE RECEIPT OF EQUIVALENT INFO FROM PRC MINAG, BUT SUCH INFO HIGHLY DESIRABLE IN VIEW OF PRESENT AND ANTICIPATED TIGHT WORLD SUPPLY CONDITIONS. CHAMPEAU AND ACCOMPANYING USLO OFFICERS SHOULD REFER TO INFO GIVEN TO PRCLC IN ANY REFERENCE TO OUR INTEREST IN COMPARABLE PRC INFO. FYI - PRCLC MISSION STAFF HAS MADE SECOND US FARM VISIT THIS WEEK. END FYI ON TRADE DEVELOPMENT, PRIORITY SHOULD BE ON LEARNING ABOUT PRC PROCUREMENT DECISION CHANNELS AND THE INVOLVED INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUALS, AND MEETING AS MANY OF THESE OFFICIALS AS POSSIBLE.

3. DURING RECENT CONTACT BETWEEN SECY BUTZ AND PRC REPS AT FAO IN ROME, MAJOR CHINESE INTEREST WAS LEARNING ABOUT CURRENT US CROPS AND SUPPLIES. CAREFUL NOTE SHOULD BE TAKEN OF INSTANCES WHERE PRC OFFICIALS HAVE QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS CONCERNING AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS FROM OR EXPORTS TO THE US. PRC OFFICIALS SHOULD BE INFORMED OF CONFIDENTIAL

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OUR WILLINGNESS TO RESPOND THROUGH OUR NORMAL CHANNELS TO ANY SPECIFIC PRC INTERESTS. RUSH

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